

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 3, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE TO PROVIDE VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Approve revenue contract with the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe for the Department of Public Health to provide vector control services in the amount of \$19,500 for the period February 3, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this contract will permit the Department of Public Health (Department) to minimize the discomfort and health risks associated with mosquitoes and other vectors on the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation in the Needles area of San Bernardino County. Mosquitoes are capable of transmitting diseases or viruses such as Western Equine Encephalitis and Saint Louis Encephalitis. Furthermore, mosquitoes may also transmit the West Nile Virus, which was first detected in San Bernardino County in October 2003.

San Bernardino County Vector Control Program (SBCVCP) staff will provide comprehensive surveillance and control of mosquito populations on the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation in San Bernardino County. The mosquito abatement services will target both larval and adult populations above a pre-determined threshold. This service will involve monitoring, trapping, searching, mapping, and applying larvicides. When adult populations of these species rise above thresholds posing risk to the public, pesticides will be used to reduce public health risk.

SBCVCP staff will also respond to routine requests for service that will include calls regarding Africanized honeybees, yellow jackets, rodents, and cockroach nuisances as well as providing monitoring and surveillance of rodent-borne and tick-borne infections such as plague, hantavirus and Lyme disease.

Most of the routine monitoring and control of these persistent vectors will be provided by SBCVCP staff in Needles; however, surveillance, supervisory and administrative service will be delivered from SBCVCP offices in San Bernardino. The agreement contains a mutual hold harmless provision.

On May 13, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved County Contract No. 03-447 for SBCVCP staff to provide the above mentioned vector control services at the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation. Because the contract contained language permitting up to a 10% increase over the amount SBCVCP estimated for vector control services, County Contract No. 03-447 was not approved by the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe's Board of Directors. The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe subsequently requested a contract for vector control services that provides a maximum cost. This contract states a maximum cost of \$19,500 for a term of one year. Services under the revised contract will not exceed the contract amount without an amendment to do so.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: The item has been reviewed and approved by HSS Contracts (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor, 388-0253) on January 6, 2004; Office of County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, 387-9022) on November 4, 2003; and County Administrative Office (Tom DeSantis, Deputy Administrative Officer, 388-0247 and Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst, 388-0211) on January 26, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this revenue contract with the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe for \$19,500 requires no County local cost and has been included in the Department's budget. The County will be reimbursed for all expenditures incurred as a result of this contract by invoicing the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe on a quarterly basis in accordance with County Code § 16.0213B.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval since all expenditures, including administrative costs, are fully reimbursed by the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First

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